

## SHEEP INDUSTRY TO BE REVIVED

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Vermont Conditions

### Opportunity for Eastern Farmers—J. A. Sturtevant Visits Principal Sheep Raising Sections.

If plans of the United States department of agriculture do not miscarry, the pasture lands of Vermont some day will be grazed by multitudes of sheep as they were 75 years ago. A beginning already has been made in that direction, and one of the tangible evidences of that fact has been the presence in Windham county of a sheep expert sent by the government to interest those who have facilities for raising sheep to make that a part of their regular business.

J. A. Sturtevant came here last Monday and was taken to Windham by County Agent A. W. Sweeton. A few days ago he was in Westminster West, and had the weather been propitious he and Mr. Sweeton would have gone to Belows Falls Tuesday. These three sections of Windham county are the most active in the county in the sheep industry.

In Windham Mr. Sturtevant met at the home of Forrest Boyd a number of farmers interested in sheep raising, outlined what the government has in mind, made a survey of the conditions, and urged the farmers to enter into the industry more extensively. He is one of five experts sent out by the government to the sheep raising sections of the country, and his territory is New Hampshire and Vermont. He has covered New Hampshire and is now making a tour of this state. It is probable that the government will keep a man in this territory three years or more. The Vermont Agricultural Extension service is co-operating to some extent.

The high point in sheep raising in Vermont was reached in 1840, when the census reports showed about 1,600,000 sheep in the state. They were largely Merinos. The government estimates for the past two years place the number at 100,000, but the listers' returns show less than half that number, or about 48,000. In Windham county there are less than 4,000, but the number has begun to increase. The New Hampshire survey shows about 20,000.

There were several reasons for the decline, one being the competition of the great western areas and another being that the value of mutton was not emphasized as it is today. The grazing areas of the West are becoming more and more restricted, and one of the results is to enhance the value of sheep and enlarge the opportunity of the farmers of the East. The movement was begun before the war broke out, but the war has increased the demand for meat, so there is now the opportunity to do a patriotic duty as well as lay the foundation for a profitable business.

Most of the sheep now raised in Vermont are of the Shropshire breed. The breed is run down at present through the use of rams that are not of the best quality, but Mr. Sturtevant thinks the Shropshires are as good as any dual purpose breed, and it is for both mutton and wool that the Vermont farmer should strive.

Breeding stock is high, and the government is urging farmers to save their best breeding stock and their ewe lambs so as to build up their flocks without going to large expense. They are urged to make sheep raising a part of their regular live stock farm work, as sheep require less labor and grain than dairy cows.

When asked as to the dog menace Mr. Sturtevant replied that it was more mythical than actual, although he said it existed to a degree not to be laughed at. Some damage is done by dogs in the daytime, but most of the damage is done at night. It is not practicable to undertake to build fences in Vermont that would be dog proof, but it would be an easy matter for the majority of sheep raisers to build corals near their barns that would be dog proof and to get the sheep up every night when the cattle herds were driven in. Mr. Sturtevant said the Vermont laws in general regarding sheep are good, but that they were faulty in respect to the matter of damages.

A conference of persons interested in the sheep industry will be held in Brattleboro Friday of this week, and Mr. Sturtevant intends to attend that meeting. One of those present will be E. R. Marshall, head of the sheep investigation work of the United States department of agriculture.

### TO FIGHT HIS RELATIVES.

Julius Sand's Father and Brother Battling for Kaiser.

Many persons in the southwestern part of Windham county are acquainted with Julius Sand, of Greenfield, Mass., who has bought farmers' produce all through that section, and they will be interested in the following from a recent issue of the Springfield Republican:

"Julius Sand of Greenfield, certified for service by the exemption board for division No. 4 Saturday, is a native of Germany, although a citizen of the United States. He apparently will be sent to France to fight with the allies. His father is fighting in the Austrian army and a brother is in the German army."

### No Longer a Washday.

A citizen of Columbia asked a colored woman if she would take the family washing. Her reply illustrates the general condition that housekeepers are finding difficult for the present: "My husband works at the cotton mill, and I have my wash done myself."—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

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### TO REPORT DEER SHOT.

Special List of Men for Windham  
County in the Open Season in Addition  
of Regular Wardens.

The following is the list of men designated to report deer shot in Windham county in the season Nov. 10 to 20 inclusive, but Sunday exclusive: Dwyer, Leon T. Dodge, Westminster; E. R. Chapman and D. P. Wright, Brattleboro; J. L. Stockwell and Carl Hopkins, Wardsboro; P. H. Kidder and M. L. Johnson; Guilford, John E. Gale and E. W. Legate; Townshend, R. W. Deane and W. M. Sparks; Halifax, Percy E. Foster and George L. Chase; Newfane, Frank Wilford and W. P. Eames; Rockingham, C. K. Hughes and William Severance; Londonderry, Fred L. Williams and George G. Smith; Athens, E. S. Kingsley; Stratton, Ernest Pike; Brookline, Royal E. Marsh; Vernon, A. A. Dunklee; Somerset, Fred J. Johnson; Dummerston, S. S. Vachon; Whitingham, C. H. Wastie; Marlboro, M. E. Baxter; Jamaica, C. C. Allen; Putney, Herbert Everleth; Windham, L. B. Chapman; Grafton, F. A. Palmer.

In addition to the above special list heads may be reported to any of the regular fish and game wardens. Cut the list out and paste it in your hat for reference if you intend to go deer hunting.

There is not an open season on all deer this year. The law reads as follows: "Deer must have horns not less than three inches in length when taken, hunter must report to nearest warden for person designated by the commissioner and exhibit head of deer taken. Must not be taken by aid of a snare, trap, salt lick, jack or other light or by the aid of a dog or bitch. May be hunted and sold during open season and for a reasonable time thereafter." Directions in regard to transportation are given on the reverse side of the hunter's license.

### MISSIONARY INSTITUTE ENDS.

Sessions at Bellows Falls Interesting  
and Largely Attended.

The sessions of the American Board institute held in Bellows Falls Monday by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Missions of the Congregational church, proved to be of great interest and was largely attended. This was one of a series to be held in various parts of New England, the next to be in Northampton, Mass., then Manchester, N. H., and Bangor, Me. They are conducted by a team of board secretaries, missionaries, candidates and native Christians of other lands.

A school of methods held that afternoon was interesting and was followed by a supper and postprandial exercises. That evening Rev. William E. Strong, secretary of Boston spoke on "A Day in India, Secretary C. H. Patton on "The Kingdom of God in China, Rev. S. Ralph Harlow of Turkey on "Heroes of the Turkish Massacre, B. P. Hivale, of the Indian coast, on "The India's Only Hope, and Walter Wiley, leader of the students' volunteer band, of Dartmouth, on "Why I Am a Student Volunteer."

The meetings were attended by delegates from 35 neighboring churches and the secretaries and others who led in the service expressed themselves as more than pleased with this pioneer institute.

### JUDGE WALKER OF LUDLOW DEAD.

Stricken with Heart Disease—Native  
of Londonderry and Graduate of  
Middlebury College.

Judge Frank A. Walker of Ludlow died suddenly Oct. 25 of heart failure. He hurriedly up the hill to mail a letter on the early train and had returned to his office when he felt ill and summoned a doctor. He was taken to his home and made comfortable but died soon after. So far as his family knew he had been feeling as well as usual.

Judge Walker was born in Londonderry March, 1860, and was the son of William Harris and Ann Eliza (Taylor) Walker. He prepared for college at Black River academy. He graduated from Middlebury college and was a member of Phi Psi fraternity. He was admitted to the bar in 1886, was town representative in 1896 and was made judge of probate in 1898 and this office he held at the time of his death. He was a 32d degree Mason.

In May, 1888, he was married to Jennie Leland, who survives him. He also leaves one daughter, Carmen. The funeral was held in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

### CORPORAL HOWE HAS TYPHOID.

Ill at Home of Father, Former Lieut.  
Gov. F. E. Howe.

Corp. Edmund P. Howe of Bennington, who, since after enlisting in the 1st Vermont regiment, has been clerk of Co. I, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Howe, seriously ill of typhoid fever. He was in Bennington a little over a week ago on recruiting duty and at that time showed symptoms of illness. He returned last week Monday to Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass., where he was thoroughly drenched in the storm of Wednesday. The exposure led to the belief that he was suffering from a hard case of grip. Since his arrival home on Friday last a blood test at the state laboratory has established his affliction as typhoid.

### TO RESTORE IDENTITY.

This Is Plan for State Troops After War,  
Says Baker.

Gov. Graham has returned from a conference on fuel and military matters in Washington. One of the most important facts which developed from the conference, which was with Secretary Baker, was that the state troops will be restored to their identity after the close of the war, a matter which the governors of the New England states had been concerned about. Another fact of considerable interest to Vermonters is that the Vermont regiment, with the other National Guard regiments, will soon go to France to join the troops of Gen. Pershing's forces, the depleted regiments having been filled by drafted men.

A militant suffragette is quoted as saying that masculine phillistinism opposes votes for women, as it always has opposed every advance. Is that preliminary to an effort to stay the Philistines with the jawbone of a suffragette?—Louisville Courier.

### FAST SUM TO ITALY'S CREDIT.

U. S. Grants \$230,000,000 and Expedites  
100,000-Ton Shipping Plan—Great  
Faith in General Cadorna.

The American government has rallied strongly to the support of Italy by taking definite and effective steps to support that country in the military crisis precipitated by the German invasion.

A financial credit of \$230,000,000 was granted to the government of Italy by the government of the United States. The size of this credit, which is to be utilized in the purchase of coal, foodstuffs, munitions and other needed supplies, is the most tangible evidence of the confidence the American government reposes in the ability of the Italian government and people to weather ultimately the storm that has been sweeping across the Valley of the Isarno, bringing about the collapse of the military front in that region.

In its effort to be of immediate service to Italy the government, however, did not stop at the granting of this huge credit. Measures were adopted by which the Italian government is to obtain the first 100,000 tons of shipping, which becomes available for use in shipment of coal, fuel, supplies and foodstuffs, as well as munitions.

Preference was granted to the Italians over the French in this allotment of shipping. The Italians, as a result, will have the almost immediate use of 25 vessels averaging 4,000 tons each, the first of which will be available today.

By rendering this assistance the United States has placed itself in direct alignment with the Paris and London governments in endeavoring to supply immediate tangible aid to the Italian government and people. The Italian embassy has notified the government at Rome of the steps taken and there is every reason for believing that this help will inspire the Italian people to unite behind their government until the unsettled military situation in the Venetian plains finds its balance, and the forces of General Cadorna, aided by British and French guns and soldiers, are able to make a stand that will, it is hoped, check the German invasion and mark the beginning of ultimate Italian and entente victory.

### MORE FUEL COMMITTEES.

Announcement Made by State Fuel Ad-  
ministrator H. J. M. Jones.

State Fuel Administrator H. J. M. Jones of Montpelier has announced the appointment of more town committees in addition to those which were announced last week. There are still some 26 committees to be appointed but the chairman are slow in reporting their acceptance, so the appointments are delayed. The following are the new committees:

Hardwick, E. T. Taylor, chairman, E. H. Campbell, C. O. Morse; Danville, C. W. Thurber, chairman, N. A. Dole, A. M. Steele; Bellows Falls, H. D. Ryder, chairman, J. J. Fenton, Dr. J. H. Blodgett; North Troy, F. B. Hammond, chairman, C. O. Fowler, W. R. Dacey; South Vernon, A. A. Dunklee, chairman, A. G. Barnes, Arthur Martin; Grafton, P. M. Page, chairman, C. N. Clark, B. C. Brown; Manchester, J. W. Taylor, W. H. Roberts; White River Junction, D. E. Perrin, chairman, G. H. Miller, C. B. Ward; Northfield, J. A. Cross, chairman, C. C. Carlton, H. C. Gady; Enosburg Falls, A. A. Aswell, chairman, C. L. Oviatt, H. N. Kimball; Proctor, Benjamin Williams, chairman, C. E. Holden, A. C. Freeborn; Pittsford, Ernest Hitchcock, chairman, C. E. Hendee, Alfred Wilmott; Underhill, E. W. Henry, chairman, L. C. Fowler, E. R. Tillotson.

### TO SUCCEED BARRE.

C. W. Wilson of Westboro, Mass., to  
Head State Industrial School.

Charles W. Wilson, principal of the boys' school at Westboro, Mass., has been appointed superintendent of the state industrial school at Vergennes. Mr. Wilson has been at the Lyman school 14 years. When John W. Ryan, three years ago, was appointed head of the Rutland Island school for boys Mr. Wilson was appointed principal.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the local orchestra, musical director of the community chorus and choir leader and organist at St. Stephens Episcopal church.

After several months of intensive training Miss Lillian Ferguson of San Francisco has qualified for a position as station agent on one of the divisions of the Southern Pacific.

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### STATE NEWS NOTES.

#### Slept with Dead Man.

Joseph Anell, long employed in Brattleboro as a street worker and more recently in the employ of Contractor I. G. DeBrune, was found dead in bed in his room in one of the Buzzell apartments on Pearl street Monday morning. Joseph Jacques, a stone worker, who shared the bed with Anell, made the discovery and notified the police after reporting to the landlord. Officer John W. Dinneen called at the apartment, questioned Jacques, and other tenants of the building, and then communicated with Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart. No suspicious circumstances entered into the case and permission was given to remove the body.

#### Eben Wheeler 100 Years Old.

Eben Wheeler of Cabot is 100 years old and says that \$5 would cover his own doctor's bills for the century. He has not heard that Wilson is president as he is stone deaf and can neither read nor write. Not over four years ago he went into the woods, cut basket stock and made bushel baskets that were hard to beat anywhere. At 95 he could mow as well as his son, but possibly not so many hours, and until, within a year or two he cut the wood that supplied the house, "Uncle Eben" was 45 when the Civil War broke out. He twice tried to enlist, but was turned down both times by the army doctors for physical defects, yet he is alive today and able to get around the house and yard with considerable agility and is regular at his meals. He drank spirituous liquors sparingly in his life, never smoked, but took snuff. His father, Paulus Wheeler, was in the battle of Plattsburg and his grandfather, Comfort Wheeler, was a Revolutionary War soldier. He spent his entire 100 years within a radius of 20 miles of his birthplace in Woodbury. He has lived in Plattsburg and Marshfield and came to South Cabot to stay with his son on the death of his wife, Prudence Spencer, some eight years ago. Mr. Wheeler was the oldest of 10 children, two others now being alive, Folsom, 80, of South Cabot, and Zelenzo, 82, of Hardwick.

#### DOE SHOT IN DUMMERSTON.

Herd of Eight Were in K. L. Eldridge's  
Cabbage Patch.

K. L. Eldridge, who lives in Dummerston on the east side of West river, opposite Williamsville station, shot a doe Oct. 28 which was eating cabbages. Seven other deer were in the garden at the same time. County Warden E. H. Metcalf made an investigation and found that the shooting was entirely legal.

#### The Sensible Girl.

"She's a mighty sensible girl." "That so?" "Yes, the man she is to marry asked her if she'd have her diamond ring now or use the money to buy something for their home instead." "And she took the furniture?" "No, she took the diamond ring."—Detroit Free Press.

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One of the surprising discoveries of the war is the fact that all the colonels weren't recruited in Kentucky.—Boston Transcript.

Petrograd is now almost as close to the firing line as Paris. Is there a Joffre in the Russian army to prevent that distance from decreasing?—New York Herald.